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City of Aleknagik Newsletter

February 4, 2016

Message from the Mayor Carolyn Smith

January is almost over as I write this and we can look forward to some future goals, now that the bridge is done! The road improvement project is due to go to bid in February, with an estimated price of 5 to 10 million, and a time frame of 3 years until completion. As soon as the successful bidder is announced, we will let you know. The project was meant to take two years, but due to the scheduling of paving, will take another year. In the meantime, Steve and the City Maintenance department are working to keep the road from the Lake Road to the City Building area plowed, after an agreement with DOT was signed on 1/12/16 for winter maintenance only.

The Mail Plane did not bring mail between 12/8 and 1/8/15. This was not because of airport closures but because Grant Aviation was not choosing to fly out here. Please thank Postmaster Ian McGowan, and Darren Coolidge of Aleknagik, as well as Penny Johnston in Dillingham for trying to arrange "work arounds" so folks in Aleknagik got holiday mail. Our State and Federal representatives have been mailed a complaint and many more will follow if Grant does not complete their contractual obligations. Steve and Don have been very good about keeping the runway operational, so thank them as well, when you see them.

Emergency Contacts

Fire - 911

VPSO: Jason Creasey

Work-----842-2189

Health Clinic

Katherine Andrew

Work-----842-5512 Emergency Cell------843-0635



Job Openings

Please contact the office (907)842-5953 for more information.

School Bus Driver

EMS/Fire Chief

On-Call Animal Control Officer

Heavy Equipment Operator

Accountant



Animal Control

As usual, there have been no applicants to the position of animal control, and there have been animals hit by cars, and injured as well as killed recently. One of the changes with the bridge has been the increase in traffic on the North Shore. Please adhere to the 20 mile per hour speed limit, and people with animals, please keep them tied up. People don't want to hit pets, and they also don't want to have accidents avoiding dogs in the streets, either. Our ordinance is clear, that pets are to be under owner's control at all times. This means that owners will need to keep your animals on a leash or chain or rope to prevent them running in the street. AND PLEASE, consider applying for the Animal Control Officer Position!

Parks & Parking

With the changes the bridge has made, the City has concerns about parking around the City Dock for summer months. Also, the City would like to see a swimming area, and possibly park near the water by the City Dock.

What are your thoughts about this? Would you like to see this happen? Where would you like park areas?

Where would you like to see a basketball court like they have by the school in New Stuyahok?

If you have ideas, share them with the City Council members or write them down and hand them to the clerk. I personally would like us to have parks and we may have challenges in the summer months with "town" folks driving up and parking, boating, swimming in newly accessible areas. If we had a park, we might be able to manage visitors better, or monetize the visit with paid parking!.

Housing That is Affordable

The City passed a resolution in January expressing the need for affordable housing for residents. Young families are choosing to move to town as there is subsidized, low income, conjugate housing available at Forest Hills and other places, such as through Chog Apartments. The City has land and equipment, ANL has Land, and ATC has the ability to seek grant funding for construction costs, and possibly management. What are your thoughts? What would you like to see? Would you live in a 1 bedroom or studio apartment? How much would you be willing to pay for something like this? In the past, all HUD housing has been single family. Would an apartment complex, or "tiny homes", or duplexes be options you would support? Margie, ATC President, was gracious enough to invite me to a meeting and I was encouraged by their plans. One suggestion was for anyone who wants housing in Aleknagik, to complete the BBHA application, as the more applications received will increase the likelihood of us getting funding.

Planning Committee

There needs to be another person interested in planning to get the Planning meetings starting again. The planning committee is advisory to the City and advises the Council on such issues as zoning, future roads, plat approvals, and in general the future. There has been discussion of possible changes to the waterfront along the dock, with the idea of creating a waterfront park. There is also the need to improve and require approved roads, prior to taking public ownership of them. If you have an interest in serving, please send or deliver a letter of interest to the Clerk, before the February Council meeting.

Noise & Fireworks

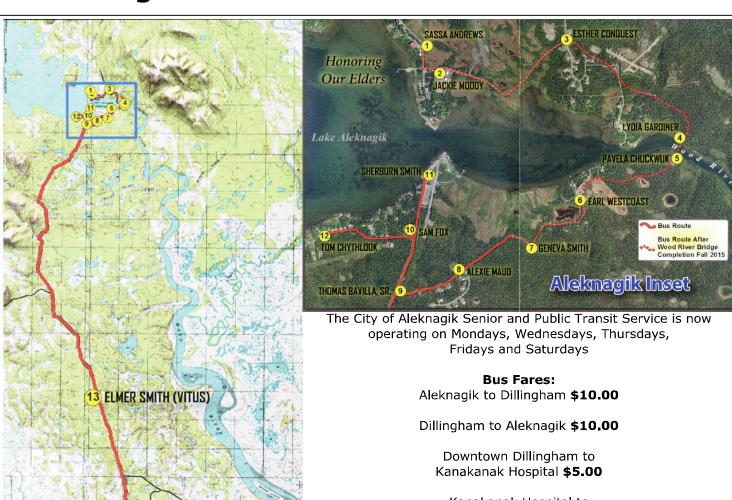
The City of Aleknagik does have an ordinance that allows fireworks over the 4th of July and New Years; However, there were complaints of noisy fireworks after the holidays this year, that disrupted sleep and also bothered pets. Please adhere to the ordinance so your neighbors can sleep.

Landfill & Trash

Just an update that the landfill now requires that all household trash be separated into burnable and non-burnable so that our poor, old, ratty, burn box does not get further degraded. Anthony (Landfill Attendant) is trying to help folks but is not supposed to accept trash that has not been separated. The Maintenance department has to use heavy equipment to take the non-burning refuse from the burner after stuff has burned, which is a challenge



Aleknagik Senior and Public Transit Service



Kanakanak Hospital to Downtown Dillingham **\$5.00**

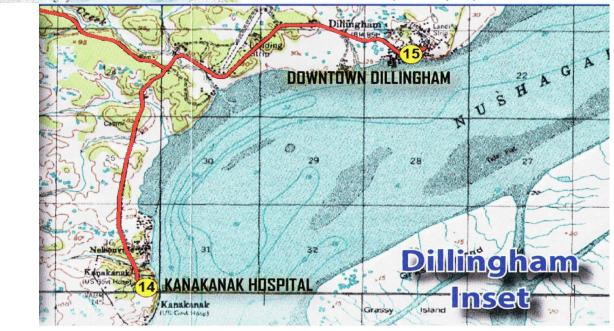
Flat Fee

Senior Citizens **\$2.00**Individuals with Disabilities **\$2.00**

Special Events Fare: TBD **NO REFUNDS**

To schedule a ride: Bus Driver (907)843-1742

For more information: City Office (907)842-5953



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3 MILES